Travel Circuits:

1. Bhubaneshwar-Puri-Konark
2. Harishankar-Narsinghanath-Hirakud-Sambalipur-Bed Vyas (Gandhamardhan Circuit)
3. Koraput-Araku Valley-Nandapur-Gupteshwar-Rayagada (Panchapat Circuit)
4. Chandipur-Chandaneshwar-Panchalingeshwar-Simplipal Sanctuary-Khiching (Swaranchuda Circuit)
5. Bhubaneshwar-Lalirgiri-Ratnagiri-Udaigiri-Kendrapara-Chandbali-Bhadrak (Sun Temple)

Destinations:

Puri

(b) to (d) Development/maintenance of tourist places/pilgrim centres is primarily undertaken by State Government/U.T Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central financial assistance for tourism projects/ schemes prioritised in consultation with State Governments every year. Central financial assistance of Rs. 276.95 lakhs was sanctioned for 15 tourism infrastructure projects in Orissa during 1999-2000.

Development of Tourism in Bihar

3352. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any action plan to achieve extensive development of tourism in Bihar which has the requisite potential in that regard; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Development of tourism is primarily undertaken by State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Ministry of Torusim provides financial assistance for tourism infrastructure projects prioritised in consultation with State Governments subject to availability of funds. During 1999-2000, Central financial assistance of Rs. 79.71 lakhs was sanctioned for four tourism projects in Bihar.